which has maintained peace on the Korean peninsula for 36 years.

(2) Partly because of the significant contribution that the United States has made toward preserving the peace, the Republic of Korea has been able to focus national efforts on economic and political development.

(3) The United States remains committed to the security and territorial integrity of the Republic of Korea under the terms of the Mutual Defense Treaty of 1954.

(b) *It* is the sense of Congress that—

(4) until North Korea abandons its desire to reunite the Korean peninsula by force and ceases to seek modern weapon systems from foreign powers, the threat to the Republic of Korea will remain clear and present and the United States military presence in the Republic of Korea will continue to be vital to the deterrence of North Korean aggression toward the Republic of Korea;

(5) although a United States military presence is essential until the Republic of Korea has achieved a balance of military power with the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, the United States should reassess the force structure required for the security of the Republic of Korea and the protection of the United States interests in northeast Asia;

(6) the United States should not remove any armed forces from the Korean peninsula until a thorough study has been made of the present and projected roles, missions, and force levels of the United States forces in the Republic of Korea; and

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(4) before April 1, 1990, the President should submit to Congress a report that contains a detailed assessment of the need for a United States military presence in the Republic of Korea, including—

(7) an assessment of (i) the current imbalance between the armed forces of the Republic of Korea and the armed forces of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, and (ii) the efforts by the Republic of Korea to eliminate the current adverse imbalance;

(8) the means by which the Republic of Korea can increase its contributions to its own defense and permit the United States to assume a supporting role in the defense of the Republic of Korea;

(9) the ways in which the roles and missions of the United States forces in Korea are likely to be revised in order to reflect the anticipated increases in the national defense contributions of the Republic of Korea and to effectuate an equal partnership between the United States and the Republic of Korea in the common defense of the Republic of Korea;

(10) an assessment of the actions taken by the Republic of Korea in conjunction with the United States to reduce the cost of stationing United States military forces in the

Republic of Korea;

(E) an assessment of the willingness of the South Korean people to sustain and support a continued United States military presence on the Korean peninsula; and

(F) a discussion of the plans for a long-term United States military presence throughout the Pacific region, the anticipated national security threats in that region, the roles and